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**FROM:** Central Valley Flood Protection Board  
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**Project Title:** Permit No. 4997-1: Milepost 70.56 Bridge Replacement, Fresno Subdivision

**Project Applicant (if any):** Union Pacific Railroad

**Project Location/Address/City/County:** The project is located where the existing UPRR Fresno Subdivision rail line spans the Mokelumne at Milepost 70.56, approximately 0.8 miles downstream from the State Route 99 bridge, in the City of Lodi, in San Joaquin County.

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** To replace the existing 14-span, 439-foot-long single track railroad bridge spanning the Mokelumne River with a 14-span, 436-foot-long bridge with PCB girders on existing steel H-pile pier bents. A temporary work bridge on the east side of the bridge and a temporary causeway under the bridge will be utilized for the construction.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB)

**Public Agency/Person Carrying Out Project:** Union Pacific Railroad

**Exempt Status:**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Passenger or Commuter Services (Sec. 21080(b)(10);
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Common Sense Exemption (CEQA Sec 15061(b)(3))
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: § 15302 Replacement or Reconstruction
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: § 15275(a)

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:**

The project is statutorily exempt under the provisions of CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines. The Board’s approval involves issuing an encroachment permit for replacement of an existing railroad bridge that is related to the institution or increase of passenger or commuter service of rail lines already in use, which is exempt under the statutory exemption of the Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(10) and CEQA Guidelines Section 15275(a). In addition, the project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction (CEQA Guidelines §15302), because the activity consists of replacement and reconstruction of an existing structure in the same location and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the replaced structure. Further, none of the exceptions to the exemption in CEQA Guidelines §15300.2 apply.

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**ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:**

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- Signed by Lead Agency       Signed by Responsible Agency

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